



## **PROGRESS REPORT NO. 49**

**TO:** Helen Bottcher – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - via Email

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**RE:** Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study  
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 49 Month Ending July 2010

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Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of the activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

Validated beach sediment data were transmitted on July 29<sup>th</sup> and a draft data summary report for the beaches sampled to date will be submitted no later than September 27, 2010. Redesigned beaches to be sampled in 2011 were presented and reviewed via a GoToMeeting™ on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Following the on-line presentation, minor revisions were made to the AA Campground 2 beach and the updated shapefile made available to the Cultural Resource Working Group for evaluation on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Upon receiving confirmation from the Cultural Resources Working Group that the revised sampling locations are appropriately positioned, an amendment (i.e., No. 2) to the 2009/2010 Quality Assurance Project Plan will be prepared and submitted for review and comment. In addition, special use and research permit applications will be submitted to facilitate 2011 beach sediment sampling activities.

Validated Round 2 surface water data were transmitted July 19<sup>th</sup> with Round 3 validated data to be made available no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. A data summary report incorporating all three rounds of data would follow in November.

Fish tissue data are being evaluated and a data summary report will be submitted no later than the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month.

Laboratory based activities associated with the white sturgeon sediment toxicity study were initiated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July at the University of Saskatchewan Aquatic Toxicology Centre and are scheduled to continue through October 2010. To facilitate communication

on the progress of this work a bi-weekly on-line meeting will be established later this month and will likely continue through the end of the year.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-892-2585.

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